REMEDIAL ACTION REPORT FOR THE ALTERNATE WATER SUPPLY

AMERICAN THERMOSTAT SITE CATSKILL, GREENE COUNTY, NEW YORK

DECEMBER, 1992



REGION II

ALTERNATIVE REMEDIAL CONTRACTING STRATEGY (ARCS) FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE REMEDIAL SERVICES

EPA Contract No. 68-S9-2001

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TAMS CONSULTANTS, Inc.



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1. INTRODUCTION

The American Thermostat Site is located in a rural residential area in the Town of Catskill, Green County, New York. The AT Site is approximately 30 miles southwest of Albany, New York and 5 miles west of the Village of Catskill, New York.

The AT Site is approximately 8 acres in area. The AT Site is bordered on the north and south by Route 23B and Route 23, respectively. A residential property borders the site on the west and property owned by the State of New York borders the site on the east. The site is not fenced and access to the AT Site is from Route 23B.

The landform within the vicinity of the AT Site may be characterized as gently rolling foothills of the Catskill Mountains which are deeply incised by stream channels. The AT Site is located on a slight ridge overlooking the Catskill Creek Valley. The on-site ground surface elevations are relatively uniform but fall quickly to the Catskill Creek to the north and to two small tributaries on the east and west. Surface drainage follows the ground surface elevations with drainage to the Catskill Creek and its tributaries.

The site contains the former AT Building and several smaller structures. There are several underground structures including three sanitary waste disposal systems, two coolant water disposal discharge lines and a roof drain.

The area surrounding the AT Site is characterized as rural-residential. There are a few full time residences, vacation homes and several small businesses. All the residences and businesses within the immediate vicinity of the AT Site relied on groundwater for their water supply.

The American Thermostat (AT) Plant was developed by the American Thermostat Corporation for the assembly of thermostats for small appliances. Site development began in 1954 and the plant was in continuous operation until its closure in 1985.

In the plant operation, a series of chemicals including machine oils, lubricants, and organic solvents such as tetrachloroethene (PCE) and trichloroethene (TCE) were used within the manufacturing process to operate and clean the plant machinery and parts. During the 1960's and 1970's, waste PCE and TCE liquid and sludge were poured down drains inside the building septic systems and dumped outside on the plant grounds for dust control. In March 1981, two AT employees were observed dumping solvents on plant property. This led to investigations into the company's waste handling practices by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Attorney General's Office.

During April and May 1981, water samples were collected from several residential wells in the vicinity of the AT site by the New York State Department of Health

(NYSDOH) and NYSDEC. The analyses of the samples indicated the presence of TCE and PCE in five wells. The affected residents were advised by NYSDOH not to use their well water for cooking or drinking purposes. Several law suits were filed by the plant's neighbors in late 1981.

Because of the presence of high levels of PCE in several nearby wells, AT began supplying bottled water to local residents in April 1982. By November 1982, AT had installed carbon filters on its own well and the five affected wells. The nearest neighbor was connected to AT's water system.

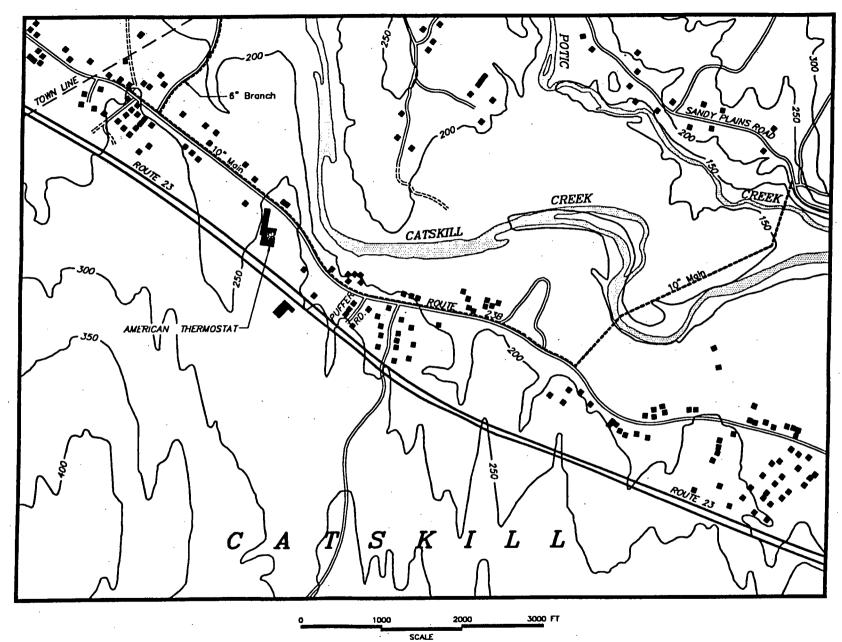
In February 1983, New York State entered into an interim consent order with AT and Amro Realty Corporation (property owner) in which the companies agreed to clean up the site and its surrounding, to supply bottled water to the five affected residences for cooking and drinking, and to install, monitor, and maintain carbon filter systems for these residences. The order also stipulated that two groups of bordering private wells had to be monitored to determine whether any contamination had spread beyond the original affected area.

In May 1985, AT ceased operations. Since June 1985, the USEPA has been sampling wells in the area and has been maintaining the previously installed carbon filtration units. In addition, USEPA installed new carbon units on two contaminated private wells and installed air stripping systems on two highly contaminated wells.

In April 1986, NYSDEC requested that the USEPA assume responsibility for the operation and maintenance costs of the carbon filters that had been previously installed, and the installation and operation of airlift stripping systems at two existing wells. The stripping systems have treated, to date, over 7 millions gallons of contaminated groundwater. PCE concentrations have been reduced in the nearest residential well (R14) from a high of 131,000 to 25,000 parts per billion (ppb), and in the AT well from 3,200 to 400 ppb.

A Focused Feasibility Study (FFS) for an Alternate Water Supply was issued in November 1987 as the first operable unit for the AT site. The purpose of the FFS was to develop, screen, and evaluate various alternatives for a new water supply system for the affected and potentially affected residences at the AT site. In January 1988, the first Record of Decision (ROD) was signed, selecting the extension of the Village of Catskill's water supply to the affected and potentially affected residences.

In January 1988, the USEPA initiated the RI/FS to determine the nature and extent of contamination at and emanating from the AT site and to evaluate remedial alternatives. In May 1990, the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) report was released to the public. On June 29, 1990, the second ROD was signed, selecting Low Temperature Enhanced Volatilization (LTEV) for the treatment of the contaminated soil and sediments; pumping, air stripping, carbon adsorption, and re-injection for treating the contaminated groundwater and surface water; and decontamination of the building floor and off-site disposal of 18 waste



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Prepared by: TAMS Consultants, Inc.

liquid drums remaining from the AT operation.

This Report covers the implementation of the Remedial Action for the first operable unit at the AT site: the Alternate Water Supply.

The Project consists of providing a water supply for the affected residents by means of an extension of the Village of Catskill water supply pipeline to the affected area. The new water line is tied to the existing pipeline in the vicinity of Sandy Plains Road in the Town of Athens, New York (Figure No.1). The new 10-inch pipeline is routed in a southwesterly direction towards Route 23B; it then follows the alignment of Route 23B to supply home along its route. The first stretch of the water line route, from Sandy Plains Road to Route 23B required two stream crossings, the Catskill creek and the Potic creek. The new water supply system is a gravity system and provides fire protection in the new Water District along Route 23B.

2. CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Upon signing of the ROD, the USEPA initiated negociation with the Village of Catskill. An assessment of the water availibility and of the state of the existing water supply system was prepared by EPA's contractor Ebasco Services, Inc. Based on the conclusion of this assessment and on the local water regulation, the USEPA and the Village of Catskill agreed that the USEPA would construct an Extension of the Water Supply System to provide water, including fire protection, to the residents affected or potentially affected by the groundwater contamination at the American Thermostat Site and the Village would provide the water, and operate and maintain the new water district.

On October 1990, the USEPA contracted TAMS to design the Extension of the Water Supply. Preliminary work included the selection of the appropriate route, the identification of required permits, right-of-way and easements. The presence of wetland along the selected route was investigated and none were found. TAMS also investigated the area for archeological findings. This work was subcontracted to Hartgen Archeological Associates, Inc. of Troy, NY; no significant findings were identified. The design of the water supply extension was completed in August 1991. The system was originally designed to provide fire protection in the new water district independently from the source of water, i.e., being capable of providing 750 gallons per minute for a period of two hours. To that effect a 90,000-gallon storage tank along with booster pumps were planned and designed. During negociation between the Village and the NYSDOH this requirement was removed and TAMS was instructed to modified the design to provide water by gravity, thus eliminating the need for the storage tank and the booster pumps.

The Project was advertized in the Commerce Business Daily, and bidding documents were sent to twenty-three potential bidders on august 20, 1991. Eight prospective bidders attended the pre-bid site visit on September 10. Five sealed bids were received on September 20, 1991. F.C. Compagni Construction

Company, Inc. submitted the lowest total bid amount of \$1,179,333 and was selected as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. The Subcontract was awarded on October 16, 1991. Due to the design modification construction plan and specification were finalized in November, and the Notice to Proceed was given on December 16, 1991.

The site mobilization was initiated in April 1992, and actual construction started on May 11, 1992. The construction was completed on November 6, 1992. The monthly construction progress report are included in Attachment A.

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS AND CONSTRUCTION QUALITY CONTROL 3.

Hydrostatic pressure and leakage tests for the water main were conducted on August 5, 1992. The tests were witnessed by the following parties:

Christos Tsiamis USEPA Remedial Project Manager Bill Cohn Village of Catskill Representative

Joseph Yavonditte -NYSDEC - Hazardous Waste Remediation

Jean-Pierre Minois -TAMS Site Manager

Brian StJ. Styer TAMS Contracts Manager James Lombardo TAMS Resident Engineer Richard Henry

F.G. Compagni Superintendent

The tests were conducted in accordance with AWWA C 600. A narrative describing the tests is included in Attachment B.

Following the pressure and leakage tests the pipeline was disinfected in accordance with AWWA C 601. Four samples were collected and tested at the A.C. Stiefel Research Institute in Oak Hill (NY); results of the testing are included in Attachment C.

4. **CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES**

The following is a list of the main work items that were required for the construction of the water supply in the Town of Catskill new Water District:

- 10-inch tap into existing 16-inch C.I. pipe;
- in wooded areas, clearing of a 20-foot wide corridor centered on the waterline alignment:
- trench installation of approximately 11,400 feet of 10-inch D.I. pipe, including two river crossings, 7,600 feet along Route 23B and 3,800 feet throughout wooded area:
- trench installation of approximately 1,000 feet of 6-inch D.I. pipe;
- trench installation of approximately 10,300 feet of 3/4-inch to 2-inch service pipina:
- installation of miscellaneous gate valves, fire hydrants, back-flow preventer, air release valves, Corporation stops and curb ball valve stops; and,

installation at 52 residences of metering devices with remote registers, piping, pressure reducing valves, valve boxes and similar related work in the basement or in an underground pre-cast concrete vault; and,

providing connection between the new branch lines and the existing

dwelling service.

5. INSPECTION

On October 21, 1992 the final inspection of the water supply system was conducted to verify completion of the construction and to identify incomplete items of work. The inspection was conducted by:

Christos Tsiamis - USEPA Remedial Project Manager Bill Cohn - Village of Catskill Representative

Joseph Yavonditte - NYSDEC - Hazardous Waste Remediation

Gary Litwin - NYSDOH - Environmental Exposure Investigation

Richard Fedigan - NYSDOH

Jean-Pierre Minois - TAMS Site Manager

Brian StJ. Styer - TAMS Contracts Manager James Lombardo - TAMS Resident Engineer

David Compagni - F.G. Compagni Project Manager Richard Henry - F.G. Compagni Superintendent

At the time of the inspection thirteen (13) residences had been connected with a water meter installed. The remaining (39) residences were all connected by November 6, 1992.

6. CERTIFICATION THAT REMEDY IS OPERATIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL

A certification that the water supply system was completed by Compagni Construction, Inc., as specified by TAMS Consultants, Inc. and approved by NYSDOH is included in Attachment D.

7. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

An Operation and Maintenance Manual for the Water Supply Extension was prepared by TAMS Consultants, Inc. and submitted to the USEPA. Maintenance of the water supply extension will be assumed by the Village of Catskill.

8. SUMMARY OF PROJECT COST

Construction:

Mobilization, Services and Demobilization Tap into Existing Main 10-inch Pipe 6-inch Pipe River Crossings Service Piping Fire Hydrants Miscellaneous Valves Water Meters and Service Connection Rock Excavation Asphaltic Concrete Pavement Tree Removal	\$227,000 \$11,000 \$317,000 \$19,000 \$21,000 \$192,000 \$26,000 \$71,000 \$97,000 \$70,000 \$123,000 \$18,000	
Total Construction Cost		\$1,192,000
Water line Design Oversight and Administration Water Connection Fees Easements (Attorney, Appraiser and Surveyer)		\$230,000 \$466,000 \$400,000 \$80,000
Total costs		\$2,368,000

ATTACHMENT A MONTHLY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS REPORTS

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ATTACHMENT B HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE AND LEAKAGE TESTS

TOWN OF CATSKILL WATER DISTRICT

HYDROSTATIC PRESSURE AND LEAKAGE TESTS

OF 10" AND 6" WATERMAIN

Installation of the new watermain was started on May 13, 1992 and completed on July 22, 1992. Filling and preliminary testing were completed from July 23 to August 4, 1992.

The formal hydrotest for acceptance was conducted on August 5, 1992. The line was tested in 3 sections as follows:

Test No. 1

- 3600 lin ft of 10" from tie-in at existing 16" watermain to Rte 23 B.

Test Started 10 AM Test Pressure 216 psi Pressure Lost 5 psi

Completed 12 AM
Observed Leakage 1.5 gal

The test pressure of 216 psi was established by correcting for the difference in elevation from test pump location at the 16" tie-in to the end of the line at Rte 23B.

Elev at 23B Elev at Tie-in Diff in Elev

185 145 40 ft ≈ 16 psi

Specified Test Pressure 200 + 16 = 216 psi.

Allowable leakage was determined by AWWA C 600 - 87, Para 4.1.6. The calculations are shown on document No. 3 Hydrotest Data Sheet. Allowable leakage was 3.82 gal per hour. At the completion of the test the gage read 211 psi. It took 1.5 gallons of water to pressurize the line back to the 216 psi test pressure. This observed loss of 1.5 gallons in two hours was well below the allowable.

Test No. 2

- 7325 lin ft of 10" from the start of the line on Rte 23B to the end of the line on Rte 23 B near the Cairo town line.

Test Started 1:43 PM
Test Pressure 221 psi
Pressure Lost 0 psi

Completed 3:43 PM No Observed Leakage The test pressure of 221 psi was established by correcting for the difference in elevation from the test pump location at the start of the line on 23B to the end of the line.

Elev at End 235 Elev at Pump $\frac{185}{50} \approx 21 \text{ psi}$

Specified Test Pressure 200 + 21 = 221 psi

Allowable leakage was determined by AWWA C 600 - 87, Para 4.1.6, the calculations are shown on Document No. 3 Hydrotest Data Sheet. Allowable leakage was 7.78 gal per hour. No leakage was observed at the completion of the two hour test and there was no loss of pressure on the test gage.

Test No. 3

- 915 lin ft. of 6" from Rte 23B north along the Nicholsen easement.

Test Started 5:30 PM
Test Pressure 200 psi
Pressure Lost 5 psi

Test Completed 7:30 PM Observed Leakage 0.08 gal

There was no need for test pressure adjustment due to elevation differences since the test pump was located at Rte 23B which was the high point on the line.

Allowable leakage was determined by AWWA C 600 - 87, para 4.1.6, the calculations are shown on Document No. 3 Hydrotest Data Sheet. Allowable leakage was 0.58 gal per hour. The gage lost 5 psi pressure during the test which required 0.08 gal of water to reestablish the 200 psi design pressure. This was well below the allowable.

In summary, all three tests were well within AWWA C 600 - 87 limits for leakage and the installation was accepted.

ATTACHMENT C LABORATORY TEST REPORTS



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New York State Certified Environmental Laboratory (I.D. # 10149)

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Report to:		Invoice to:	
COMPAGNI CONSTRUCTION			
48 GRANT STREET	:		
CORTLAND NY 13045			
SAMPLE (SRI FILE # 23019): 1	PUBLIC RES	SERVOIR, TREATEDchlorine	
Collected by Richard Henry		Source/Owner Sample Point	Received:
Date 81892 Time	VILLAC	GE OF CATSKILL SAMPLE #3-FIRST HYDRANT-6" LINE	Date 8 - 18 - 92 Time 1:50P
Test Requested	Method	Result	Public Only
Total Coliform/E. Coli (Public)	PALIOTA.	Yosent/ Yosent	Notified
Fecal Coliform			DateTime
Standard Plate Count			Completed Test
Total Coliform/E. Coli (Private)*			
*Following ratings refer to single, priva	ate water sa	amples only:	
			
() Bacteriologically unacceptable - F	Recommend	l: disinfect/submit new sample	
No applicable standards exist for single	gle sample:	s. Rating is based upon final complian PA, 54 CFR, Parts 141-142, 1989; NYS DO	ce level, multiple-check sam; DH, 10/24/90).
Sample tested by: MAW	Date_	8/1/2	
Report released by: <u>Iladia</u>	What	Date of release: S/C	1/92

ATTACHMENT D CERTIFICATON OF COMPLETION



F. G. COMPAGNI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. GENERAL CONTRACTORS

48 GRANT STREET CORTLAND, NEW YORK 13045 TEL: (607) 753-1690 FAX: (607) 753-7002

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE NEW GRAVITY FLOW WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM INSTALLED
FOR THE VILLAGE OF CATSKILL TO SERVE CUSTOMERS IN THE VICINITY OF THE
AMERICAN THERMOSTAT SUPERFUND SITE ON ROUTE 23B, GREENE COUNTY, CATSKILL,
NEW YORK HAS HEEN CONSTRUCTED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS
BY TAMS CONSULTANTS, INC. EPA CONTRACT NO. 68-S9-2001, APPROVED BY THE
STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ALBANY REGION, ON JUNE 2, 1992,
REFERENCE LOG NO. 8174-5 AND IS 100% COMPLETE AS OF OCTOBER 21, 1992.

Signed //c/

_Dated: ///6/92

Jeffrey R. Wright PE

New York Reg. No. 62900-1



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SAMPLE (SRI FILE # 23020):	PUBLIC R	ESERVOIR, TREAT	FD-chlaring		
collected by RICHARD HENRY	_	Source/Owner	Sample Point		Received:
)ate 8-18-92 Time 11AM	VILLAGI	OF CATSKILL	2ND HYDRANT 6" [SAMPLE #4	מאד.	Date 8 - 18 - 92 Time 1:50 PM
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